23 June 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Staff Support for the Intelligence
          Community Planning System

Those attending a meeting this morning on the above subject were:

Mr. John N. McMahon

25X1

Mr. Robert R. Bowie
Mr. Richard Lehman

25X1

1. Mr. McMahon and [   ] explained the purposes of the 25X1
DCI's Perspectives as guidance to Intelligence Community program managers.
Mr. Bowie noted that the NI Staff has just taken on a major new project,
the DCI's annual posture statement, which it seemed to him largely ob-
viated any need for the substantive guidance previously contained in
Perspectives. Mr. Bowie further noted that drafting this statement will
be a major task and that a requirement to produce a substantive contri-
bution to Perspectives would conflict with the need to devote the Staff's
full energies to the posture statement. Mr. McMahon agreed that the
posture statement could serve as guidance to program managers for the
18 months following its publication in early November -- i.e., for the
budget year.

2. Mr. McMahon and [   ] felt this arrangement would   25X1
still leave a requirement for some sort of guidance to program managers
who have to plan for future collection systems which may take as long
as 10 years to develop. Mr. Bowie noted that most of these systems
are related to collection against the Soviet Union. A logical time to
produce the guidance for systems of this sort would be just after the
producers of the major military estimates had finished their first
drafts -- i.e., about 1 October. The guidance that would be supplied
could be quite specific in terms of the collection systems desired.
Mr. McMahon agreed to come back at some later point with a request for
the precise sort of contribution that would be useful from the NI Staff.

MORI/CDF

3. It was also noted during the conversation that priorities will be set by a quite different procedure in the future. The principal document will be a list of 20 or so Presidential Priorities, which will be elaborated into 60 or so questions for address by Community managers. DCID 1/2 priorities will take their guidance from this document. There was some discussion as to whether KIQs would be required any longer, since subjects they cover coincide almost completely with the subjects of Presidential Priorities. Mr. Bowie was of the opinion that there was still a role for KIQs as a managerial tool to point up certain critical gaps in intelligence collection for immediate attention.

25X1

-2-